

Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Purpose: The Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) -- a part of the National Coordinating Center for Telecommunications (NCC) -- gathers, analyzes, and disseminates private sector and Government telecommunications information to participating ISAC entities. The NCC is a central hub for sharing critical NS/EP telecommunications information on vulnerabilities, threats, intrusions, and anomalies among participating companies and between industry and the Government.

Background: In accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 63 (PDD-63) and President Clinton's *National Plan for Information Systems Protection*, the NCC established the first telecommunications ISAC on March 1, 2000 in support of two goals outlined in the National Plan. The first was the establishment of the U.S. Government as a "model for information security," while the second was the development of a private-public partnership to defend the national telecommunications infrastructure. Although the concept of the ISAC is new, the Government and the telecommunications industry have been sharing telecommunications information through the NCC since 1984. The NCC -- established in 1984 based on a recommendation to the President by the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) -- coordinates telecommunications restoration and provisioning during national disasters through Government/industry cooperation on a 24-hour basis.

Highlights:

- ❑ Telecommunications monitoring system is a modification of the system successfully used to handle Year 2000 reporting.
- ❑ NCC Telecommunications ISAC is only one of two ISACs currently established, and the only one with both Government and industry team members.
- ❑ Government ISAC representation includes: Departments of State, Defense and Commerce; the General Services Administration; the Federal Communications Commission; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- ❑ Initial industry representation in the ISAC includes: AT&T, Cisco Systems, Computer Sciences Corporation, COMSAT Corporation, EDS, ITT Industries, the National Telecommunications Alliance, Nortel Networks, Science Applications International Corporation, Sprint, the United States Telecom Association, Verizon Communications, and WorldCom.

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